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SUPPORT BILL 267

Good afternoon,

My name is Raymond J. Rescildo, CSP. I **support Raised Bill No.267** (an act concerning pool maintenance & repair work.) I am a licensed swimming pool contractor. I own and operate Certified Pool & Spa in Plymouth CT.

- I stress the word operate, because I not only run the “office side” of my business I get in my truck everyday to perform the pool & spa maintenance & repair work myself.

My typical workday ranges from installing or repairing gas heaters (natural gas & propane), pumps on 220 line voltage, high pressure plumbing repairs, automated chemical dispensers, and anti suction entrapment mechanisms.

During spring pool openings I may repeat these tasks 5 or 6 times per day. I **SUPPORT raised bill 267 for several reasons.**

- As a CT citizen I support bill 267 for the tremendous contribution to public, health safety & welfare.
- I also support bill 267 for the **confidence** it provides a micro business owner like myself.

Statement of Purpose: To clarify the scope of swimming pool maintenance and repair work and to adopt regulations concerning trade areas for which licenses are required, trainees and continuing professional education.

1. clarify the scope of swimming pool maintenance

- A clarified scope would give small operations like mine a template to build a “new hire to licensee” training program at nearly no cost.
- Most small companies do not have the time, ability or resources to craft these programs. I have priced private training resources, they are extremely expensive.
- Bill 267 grants a small company an increased ability to compete with large outfits, which have the resources for dedicated training departments and safety officers

2. adopt regulations concerning trade areas for which licenses are required, trainees

- work force trained to operate safely, employee safety is a major concern to potential employers – trained new hires can recognize & report hazards
- qualify work force, a tool for growth – hire with confidence

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3. continuing professional education

- like any technology – Pool & spa technology rapidly evolving, safety & energy efficiency
- Licensees are current with new building codes, regulatory & environmental impact changes.

BILL 267 not only greatly increases the health & safety of those enjoying, building & servicing Connecticut's many residential & commercial pools.

Bill 267 is a conduit to further qualify Connecticut's pool & spa workforce and provides confidence to small outfits looking to create new jobs & grow their business.

Bill 267 is a true service to Connecticut's citizens & business owners.

Respectfully,

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